

# Macedonian Patriotic Organization

## 89th Annual Convention

Hyatt Regency Dearborn — September 3-6, 2010

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## Bill Tosheff to address 89th Annual MPO Convention

Former NBA star William M. Tosheff will give a Macedonian twist to his experiences as a professional athlete in two sports at The Grand Banquet of this year’s MPO Convention.

His zany style will capture the hearts of Macedonians of all ages in his talk – *Yes, I did it all.*

Bill has been writing articles for the **MACEDONIAN TRIBUNE** for the past three years. Most feature athletic themes.

Bill is much more than a professional athlete, he is a man with a heart whether it is reaching out to young Macedonians entering pro-athletics (in particular Kevin Kouzmanoff, third baseman for the Oakland A’s, and Corey Elkins of the NHL Los Angeles franchise) or rearing four children as a single dad.

When he was a student at Indiana University, Bill lettered in three sports. He was a pitcher for the only IU Big Ten Baseball Championship team in 1951 ranking fifth in the nation. He also was named to the All Big Ten Basketball Conference team and was chosen as All-American in basketball by several media groups.

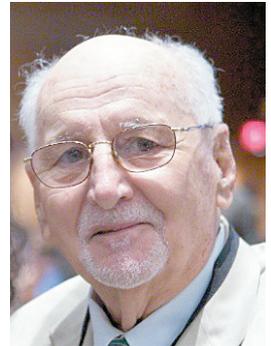
Bill’s accomplishments in pro-basketball transcend his playing days. While taking a cab ride in Los Angeles, he learned the cabby was former NBA (National Basketball Association) player the late Sweetwater Clifton. A light went on in Bill’s mind. He started a non-profit organization to work for retirement benefits for pre-1965 NBA players. For NBA players who played before HUGE mega-million salaries. He has helped them or their widows collect more than six million dollars in retirement benefits.

For this the NBA honored him during All-Star weekend in February 2009. And, this project is now being emulated by retirees of the NFL (National Football League) for their forerunners in need.

But, Bill would not allow the NBA to honor him, unless other old-timers and their family were included too. The NBA agreed and they all decended on Phoenix for a great reunion weekend. It was here that Bill once again met Oscar Robertson, who as a 12-year-old asked to carry Bill’s gym bag after a game in Indianapolis.

Bill’s second professional sports career was in baseball.

All indications are this will be a lively MPO Convention Grand Banquet.



*William M. Tosheff*